

Subdue Second Fire in Pt. Breeze Plant

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of smoke was touched at the bottom with a savage red and the heat drove com-

Death at Men's Backs
This was no true of the fire-fighters however. Haggard and grim from the long battle, these men seemed up to the flames until they actually reached up to be standing in them. Directly behind the men fighting the flaming separator this morning were several huge tanks with a capacity of thousands of barrels.

Most of the oil had been drawn from them, but they were still filled with explosive vapor and enough oil to annihilate the tiny group of men backed so closely against them.

These men kept streams directed at the flames, while the groups poured tons of water on the tanks behind the fighters, and still others kept a spray constantly going over the men closest to the blaze to keep them from being roasted at their work.

Outside the gates of the big plant the police had a cleared space extending for about a half mile from the actual blaze. In places the fire lines had touched the walls of the plant, but so vast is its extent that they were in a safe distance from a fire of such colossal magnitude.

In places the fire lines had been passed against the wall of tired bluecoats could be discerned the worried faces of wives and mothers wondering if the new outbreak would bring the melancholy parade of ambulances that had marked the conflagration Sunday morning. Despite all this, work continued as usual in the parts of the plant not touched by the flames.

Lines of men stood outside the employment office seeking work.

Job Seekers Defy Fire
The line of men applying for work passed almost directly beneath one of the parts of the plant nearest the fire. A big man stuck his head out of a window and grinned down through the city grime on his face. In the line were men who had been employed in that plant and who were now waiting for two acres of ground that had been wiped out by Sunday night's blaze.

One of these men, evidently knowing the grimy man leaning from the window, looked up and smiled. The man in the window smiled down.

"Hey, Mac, what are you doing for a living?"

"Nothin' yet," was grinned back, "haven't you heard about our vacation?"

Within a few minutes the vacation was over and the man was walking in with a group of fellow workmen to take up his labor in another part of the plant. In order to do this he and his companions had to pass a line of ambulances drawn up in a row waiting for possible victims from the fire, whose smoke caused the incoming workmen to choke as they passed through the gate.

Wreckage Cleared Away
Most of the men hired today were put to work aiding the firemen in fighting the smoking fire that had been seen out at work cleaning up the wreckage. When the second outbreak came this morning few of this group left the plant. They merely felt in line with the other men and sought to prevent further damage.

Marks of the excitement attendant on the first blaze were easily discernible in the neighborhood this morning after the explosion of the separator. Besides the residents of the neighborhood, there were large groups of people who were evidently waiting for a morbid pleasure in looking at the outer walls of a very modern and efficient looking factory, with only a smattering of black smoke about the roof to tell of the havoc being wrought within.

The neighborhood was somber with a hanging pall of smoke, and the other fire when the wind blew the other way, and appropriate as a shroud over the homes of the men who had died in the blaze. Even after the fire was declared finally "under control" large groups remained gazing at the plant. When the fire was at its height, so large is the plant that a view from Passyunk avenue could be little more exciting than looking at any of the office buildings of Broad or Chestnut street blazings. Only the knowledge of the drama being enacted within held the crowd.

Those who remained after the police line was lifted this afternoon sat on an embankment and just gazed at the walls. Half-smiling employees glanced out at them from time to time. They were waiting patiently for something that might happen. Until an oil fire is out it's a dangerous fire and most of the group loitering outside the plant knew it.

Company Officials There
When the flames first burst out Sunday morning officials of the company were immediately notified and rushed at once to the scene. J. W. Van Dyke, president, and W. M. Irish, vice president and general manager, with Edwin R. Cox, treasurer of the company and a member of the City Council, were in this group. They "stood by" until a late hour this afternoon.

Mrs. Olive McCline, widow of Hugh McCline, one of the workmen who lost their lives, told today of a brief talk she had with her husband before he died.

Mrs. McCline said she had aroused her husband shortly before midnight Saturday, as he was due at work at 12 o'clock. He hurried to the plant on his motorcycle and when he arrived

was asked to take another workman to his home a short distance away.

My husband said the other man had seen himself in the sidcar," Mrs. McCline stated. "The motorcycle was near the still where the fire started. My husband said he had not started the engine of his cycle and that he had just about to throw a leg over the saddle when the explosion came. He was covered with blazing oil."

The incessant shriek of the fire sirens on the company "reservation" Sunday morning had been heard by firemen on watch duty beside the alarm gongs in the downtown engine houses.

As a result, the crews in many engine houses were "standing by" when the first alarm clanged over the Electrical Bureau whistles. It had been sounded by Acting Lieutenant Mullin from a box inside the company's grounds.

As the city engines rolled from their stations and raced to the plant the flames had reached the separator. Lead-lined tanks used for treating high-grade oils.

Fire Destroys Hose
The heat was so intense that the fire could be fought only from the rim, and much of the hose was burned up as the flames swept here and there. The center of the blaze was so fierce that even up to the middle of the afternoon it was impossible for officials to penetrate far enough to take exact stock of how many of the pumphouses and auxiliary buildings were doomed.

As throngs of sightseers and worried householders hurried to the scene the short-circuiting of electric wires of high voltage added bright flashes to the display. The crowds were stopped at the Passyunk avenue bridge from the west and well below the plant from the east, so that further casualties should not be added to the night's toll of death and damage.

Up to 4:30 o'clock in the morning,

List of Dead and Injured in Point Breeze Oil Fire

Dead
James Mulhern, Jr., twenty-one years old, 5322 Larchwood avenue, died of burns in St. Agnes' Hospital.

William H. Hanifan, Jr., thirty, 2335 Morris street, died of burns in St. Agnes' Hospital.

Hugh McCline, thirty-five, 6152 Reinhart street, died of burns in Methodist Hospital.

Frank Jordan, twenty-one, 6150 Reinhart street, killed in a motorcycle crash speeding to the fire.

William C. Criswell, sixty-six, 2213 Moore street, died of burns in St. Agnes' Hospital. Mr. Criswell would have been pensioned beginning today.

Ell Cell, Morris street, died of burns in St. Agnes' Hospital.

Injured
John Grum, fifty-four, city fireman, 2715 South Eighteenth street, overcome by smoke. St. Agnes' Hospital.

William Young, thirty-five, 827 North Twenty-fourth street, burns of body. St. Agnes' Hospital.

John Gorman, twenty-seven, 1447 South Twenty-eighth street, overcome by fumes. St. Agnes' Hospital.

John Connelly, thirty, city fireman, 2208 Milfin street, overcome by smoke. St. Agnes' Hospital.

Edwin Woodcock, twenty-three, address unknown, body burns. St. Agnes' Hospital.

Neil McCoy, forty-seven, 1140 Cambridge street, burns of face and body. St. Agnes' Hospital.

Hugh Martin, sixty-one, 1111 Winton street, burns of body. St. Agnes' Hospital.

William Donahue, forty-nine, 1838 Ritter street, broken ankle and burns. Methodist Hospital.

Samuel McKnight, thirty-six, 2423 South Mole street, city fireman, burns of body. Methodist Hospital.

John Wilson, age and address unknown, burns of face and body. Methodist Hospital.

Thomas McGlone, thirty-five, burns on face and body. St. Agnes' Hospital.

Joseph Dougherty, twenty-eight, city fireman, 1907 Federal street, overcome by fumes. Methodist Hospital.

Many more were treated for minor injuries by ambulances and at various other hospitals.

FOUR VICTIMS OF POINT BREEZE FIRE



Here are reproduced photographs of four of the men who lost their lives as results of the Point Breeze oil works fire. They are, reading from left to right, Frank Jordan, 6150 Reinhart street; James Mulhern, Jr., 5322 Larchwood avenue; Hugh McCline, 6152 Reinhart street; and William H. Hanifan, Jr., 2335 Morris street. Jordan was killed in a motorcycle crash on his way to the fire. The other three died of burns in hospitals.

The wind came from the West, and the drift was to Passyunk avenue. In this direction there was a large bare space to cover to the Philadelphia gas works, and three squares to the Philadelphia section of the Atlantic Refining Company's works.

This was the most favorable circumstance of the fight, and enabled the firemen to keep their efforts on the steam still, and four lead-lined "agitators" in which oil, varying from 1500 barrels to 4000 barrels in quantity, is treated in the refining process.

At about 4:30 o'clock, however, there was a slight shift of the wind toward the south, which carried the flames to the spot hideous, even from a general heat and noise of the conflagration.

The smoke and the constant roaring of the flames added to the glow, which made the spot hideous, even from a vantage point a number of blocks away.

Since almost the first of the fire officials of the company were on the spot assuming direction under the general direction of Mr. Irish, who from the time he arrived at 1 o'clock until there seemed no chance that further danger was to be feared, refused to leave the particularly dangerous areas in his zeal to protect both the property of the company and the lives of its men he was warned by others that he was risking his own life.

Firemen were subjected to a baking and broiling process no wood or other material could create, as the flames from the fuel fired and leaped in an apparently never-ending blaze. When the tanks, agitators and still seemed at times to be coming within control there was the separator, a cement-lined pool of oil, about 150 feet wide, where the fire leaped into renewed life with the drainage from the ground and conduits.

The separator is used to separate the oil and water, so the water can be emptied into the river, and the oil drawn off from the top. Naturally, as soon as the hose of water was turned into its raid on the water went to the bottom and the fire leaped triumphantly along the top.

Thirst and hunger were added to the exhaustion of the firemen as a fireman kept on with one of the longest and most grueling jobs they ever encountered.

Hanifan was the first man found. His clothing had been burned from his body. McCline was found next, almost twenty feet from the point where he had last been seen at work. Nearby was Mulhern, who was semi-conscious.

One of the most pathetic incidents of the fire was the death of Criswell, who was to have retired this week after forty-three years of continuous service at the plant. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors a pension was voted to him.

Criswell was overjoyed by the news, as was his wife, who had planned a party for him. When he left for work Saturday Mrs. Criswell said he would soon be away from his dangerous occupation. He had helped fight scores of fires during his long service.

Jordan, who was a neighbor of McCline, rushed to the fire on a motorcycle about 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning. After learning of his neighbor's death he started homeward to break the news. His motorcycle was struck by a truck carrying nurses to the big blaze. Jordan died of a fractured skull.

SWISS EXPLAIN DEFEAT

Bewail Fact That American Marksmen Used Apparatus

Berne, Aug. 15.—(By A. P.)—The members of the Swiss rifle-shooting team, who have just returned from Lyons, where they met defeat for the first time in fifteen years, at the hands of the American marksmen in the international rifle shooting tournament last week, complain that the American victory was due to "special technical apparatus such as field glasses, lenses and padded cushions for resting elbows and knees, which, especially in firing from the prone position, gave the Americans an advantage."

In future the Swiss team will refuse to compete unless the marksmen refrain from using such paraphernalia.

Fund for Losing Ball Teams

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 15.—To aid clubs that may encounter financial difficulties a sinking fund will be created by the Michigan-Ontario Baseball League through the deduction of one and one-half cents on every paid admission. The plan becomes effective today. The league season, originally scheduled to close September 18, will end September 5 it was announced today.

POLICE BATTLE CROWD

Thirteen Arrested in Row at Twelfth and Lombard Streets

A fight took place last night between police and a crowd of Negroes at Twelfth and Lombard streets following the arrest by two detectives of a man suspected of theft. Thirteen Negroes were under arrest as a result of the row, but no one was seriously injured.

The two detectives, Anderson and Alexander, of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, arrested the suspect just after he left a house near the corner of Twelfth and Lombard streets. Negroes in a crowd nearby protested, and when they attempted to force the prisoner's release the fight started.

The detectives were fast getting the worst of the uneven struggle when a detail of police arrived from the station and after a fight arrested the thirteen Negroes and routed the remainder. The thief suspect escaped.

Two of the men arrested were held in \$1000 bail, charged with assault and battery and attempt to kill. The others are held in \$500 bail on the same charge.

BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE

Promotion of Good Fellowship Aim at Sharon Hill

A Business Men's Association has been organized in Sharon Hill, with the object of promoting good fellowship in the town. Officers elected were Frank M. Tanner, president; Frank J. Donahue, vice president; P. M. Read, secretary; Emil C. Wagner, Jr., treasurer; and Charles W. Tuppenney, publicity agent.

A set of bylaws is being drawn up by a committee consisting of Messrs. Tuppenney, Wagner and Read.

WAITE FOR N. J. FREEHOLDER

Petitions in Circulation for Collingswood Man

Petitions are in circulation in Collingswood to place the name of George A. Waite, a newspaperman and former Assemblyman in the New Jersey Legislature, on the Republican ballot to represent that borough in the Camden County Board of Freeholders. The Jersey primaries take place the first week of September.

Mr. Waite has been a resident of Camden for thirty years and of Collingswood borough since 1907. The candidate will make the opening address of his campaign at the firemen's fair Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

HOLD MILITARY FUNERALS

Woodbury Pays Honor to Victims of Great War

Woodbury, N. J., Aug. 15.—One of the largest funerals ever held in this city was held Saturday, when the body of William Stokes Bonnal, who was killed in action in France, was interred in Greene Cemetery. The American Legion Post, bearing the deceased man's name, had charge of the funeral.

The services were in the Presbyterian Church. The procession was led by the Third Regiment Band, followed by the post and Ladies' Auxiliary. State Chaplain Dubel officiated both in the church and at the grave. Lieutenant Bonnal was killed about three years ago by a German sniper. When news came of his death, his father, William Bonnal, was taken ill and soon died. He leaves a mother and a sister, Mrs. Robert Hendrickson.

The body of Edward Wright, formerly of Swedesboro, was buried with military honors Sunday afternoon. Services, held in the Episcopal Church, were largely attended. The young soldier entered Camp Dix May 13, 1918, and was assigned to Company A, 224 Machine Gun Battalion and sent to France. He was stricken with influenza and died the following October. He was the son of the late David and Josephine Wright. The funeral was in charge of Swain Post, and a number of fraternal societies attended. The Swedesboro Band led the procession to the cemetery.

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FIREMEN OPPOSE PAID DEPARTMENT

Wilmington Company Will Ask Chancellor to Halt Proposed Organization

TAXPAYERS ALSO JOIN IN

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 15.—Robert G. Harman, former City Solicitor and attorney for the Delaware Fire Company, will apply to Chancellor Joseph O. Wolcott, at Dover, tomorrow, for an order restraining the Directors of Public Safety of Washington from proceeding with the organization of a paid fire department until such matters as are now disputed shall be cleared up.

Mr. Harman also represents the taxpayers, who assert that action must be taken to prevent the sacrifice of the people's money, it was stated last night. It is further declared that if the Department of Public Safety and city council have proceeded in any other manner than is set forth in the act which provides for the inauguration of a paid fire department it will affect the validity of the bonds which have been issued for the purpose.

The Delaware Fire Company has sought the proposed action after becoming incensed with the failure of the directors to purchase their firehouse and failure to offer more than \$9000 for their truck, which cost them \$14,000. They base their action, however, on the ground that the directors purchased houses and apparatus without first advertising for competitive bids.

Woman Lost Seeking Daughter

Mrs. Ellen Dooley, of Wilkes-Barre, became lost in this city yesterday in an effort to locate her daughter, Mrs. Johns. In an exhausted condition, she appealed to the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street police station for assistance. She was turned over to the Travelers' Aid Society.

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